II

ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE SENATE OF THE ANDHRA UNIVERSITY.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that as a result of the voting for the election of two members to the Senate of the Andhra University by the non-official members of the Madras Legislative Council resident within the university area, the following members have been declared duly elected :—

(1) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu Garu.

(2) Mr. V. Ch. John. "

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

III

MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET—*cont.*

DEMAND XXII—PUBLIC HEALTH AND VITAL STATISTICS—*cont.*

* The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Yesterday evening I was referring to rural water-supply. As regards the policy and programme which hon. Members wanted to know, I may say that the policy and programme which we chalked out on behalf of local boards for the last five years were not carried out by them. My hon. Friend Mr. Saldanha referred to three P's, viz., ' policy, programme and perseverance '. During the Lee Commission days we heard of certain other three P's, viz., ' pay, passage and pension '. If Mr. Saldanha had started with the third ' P ', viz., ' perseverance ' it would have been more valuable to us. If hon. Members will make use of their persuasive eloquence in their own constituencies and persuade members of taluk and district boards to attend to their needs, it will be greatly helpful to us, and there will be the third ' P '.

11-15 a.m. " Then some hon. Members said that the water available in the villages is not good water. The Government do recognize that fact. There are a large number of villages each having four or five tanks. There is no discrimination among the villagers as to what use each tank is to be put. They indiscriminately use the same tank for bathing, drinking water, for washing purposes and for washing the cattle. Water-supply to the villages can be very much improved if tanks can be conserved for particular purposes only. An order was issued by this Government in October or November 1928 calling the attention of local bodies to the desirability of paying attention to this matter of preserving and conserving some tanks for drinking purposes only, some tanks for washing their cattle, some for washing purposes for men and so on. We have no definite information how far this suggestion of the Government has been carried out by local bodies. A good deal of improvement in the matter of water-supply to the people in the villages can be effected if the people are a little more careful ; without any expenditure of money, this can easily be done.

" Mr. Muniswami Pillai referred to the deplorable condition of the depressed classes in cheris. The Labour Department has been in charge of these cheris for a fairly long time. Though that department has not been able to do everything for these people, a good deal of improvement has been effected. Provision has been made in the budget during recent years for the improvement of the condition of the depressed classes in cheri areas.